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**TO:** Regional Directors  
Directors, Local Health Departments  
Directors, Independent WIC Local Agencies  
Director, Office of Public Health Practice

**FROM:** Barbara Keir, Director **Original Signed**  
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**DATE:** September 6, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Formula Conference Call Schedule

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In response to local agency requests for more advanced notice for formula conference calls, the third Tuesday of the month will be designated as the day in which these calls will be conducted. The first call date will be October 15, 2002. Conference call times will be scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In the past, conference calls have been conducted every two months and have been open to all local agency staff. There has been some discussion as to whether or not some conference calls should be reserved for local agency registered dietitians. We are seeking input from local agencies as to what would best suit staff needs. One idea is to have conference calls scheduled monthly with every other month reserved for RD staff only.

We have attached a questionnaire for you to complete that will provide us with your ideas concerning these conference calls. As always, the more feedback we get the better able we are to meet your needs.

Please respond to the attached questionnaire or identify any particular issues you would like to have addressed and return it to: [Roxanne.Robison@tdh.state.tx.us](mailto:Roxanne.Robison@tdh.state.tx.us) by September 27, 2002 or contact Patti Fitch, Clinical Nutrition Coordinator, at (512) 458-7111, extension 3598.

## WIC Formula Conference Call

Local Agency # \_\_\_\_\_

Credentials of person completing this survey \_\_\_\_\_

### RD Conference Calls

The RD conference calls were conceived to provide a forum to discuss questions that arise when determining whether or when not to approve non-contract formula.

Please identify how frequent you would like to have RD conference calls:

\_\_\_\_ Every other month

\_\_\_\_ Quarterly

\_\_\_\_ Every six months

### CPA Conference Calls

The CPA conference calls are inclusive of all CPA's, but initially designed to be beneficial to the "formula approval" staff at the local agency.

How frequently would you like to attend formula conference calls?

\_\_\_\_ Every other month

\_\_\_\_ Quarterly

\_\_\_\_ Every six months

These conference calls began in December 1999. We have had several requests from local agencies to review some of the initial conference call materials. Please identify those topics that you believe would be helpful to review again.

\_\_\_\_ Comparison of Next Step Soy, Prosobee, and Cow's milk

\_\_\_\_ Allergies in Infancy

\_\_\_\_ Obtaining formulas through Medicaid

\_\_\_\_ Concentrating formula, Pediasure 50% rule, and Low Iron Formula

\_\_\_\_ Formula for Premature Infants

\_\_\_\_ Human Milk Fortifiers

\_\_\_\_ Developmental Approach to Feeding Premature Infants

\_\_\_\_ PKU Formulas

\_\_\_\_ Non-Contract Formula Policy Review

\_\_\_\_ Case Studies for Non-Contract Formula Approval

Please list any other topics that you would like to have a discussed at a conference call.

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